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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT/S VISIT: DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT

REF: BELGRADE 3637

FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR JOINT  
STATEMENT, WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH GOY  
A; REFERENDUM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR WASHINGTON REVIEW.  
WE REALIZE YUGOSLAVS MAY WISH TO EXPAND TEXT; DEPARTMENT  
HAS NO OBJECTION TO INCREASING LENGTH OF STATEMENT SOMEWHAS

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, JOSIP BROZ TITO, THE PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD, AND  
MRS. FORD PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA,  
ON AUGUST 3 AND 4, 1975.

2. CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS  
AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, THE TWO PRESI-  
DENTS HELD CORDIAL, OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON A WIDE  
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RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PRESIDENTS FORD AND

TITO REITERATED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY BY THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND BY ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND THE FULL EQUALITY OF SOVEREIGN STATES, REGARDLESS OF DIVERGENCE OR SIMILARITY IN

THEIR SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

3. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH CONTINUE TO DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY. IN CONVERSATIONS PRESIDENT FORD HAD WITH PRESIDENT TITO, FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE RELATIONS. THEY NOTED THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE AND THAT A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS BOTH PRACTICAL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. CONCRETE WAYS TO ACHIEVE EXPANSION IN THIS FIELD WERE DISCUSSED.

4. THE TWO PRESIDENTS RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF EXCHANGES TO THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. GIVEN THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF OVER A DECADE OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK WAYS TO CONTINUE AND BROADEN SUCH EXCHANGES, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, WHERE EACH COUNTRY HAS MUCH TO OFFER THE OTHER.

5. PRESIDENT TITO REITERATED YUGOSLAVIA'S INTENTION TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL WITH VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS. PRESIDENT FORD WARMLY WELCOMED YUGOSLAVIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS MARKING THE TWO HUNDREDTH YEAR OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

6. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE DEEP HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE PART AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN HAVE

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LONG PLAYED IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND THEIR FORMER HOMELANDS.

7. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY CONSIDER THAT EARNEST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH THE SIGNATORIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL WILL CONTRIBUTE

SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S  
IMPORTANT GOALS.

8. PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT TITO EMPHASIZED THAT  
INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS -- DEVELOPED  
AND DEVELOPING ALIKE -- IS A KEY FACTOR IN THE SEARCH  
FOR JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE BASIS

FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT MUST BE FORGED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION AND GOOD WILL IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT  
ONLY THROUGH SUCH COOPERATION CAN SOLUTIONS BE FOUND FOR  
THE URGENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPOR-  
TANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, AND QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT. THEY  
EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THESE AND OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS AND  
NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODIC CONTACTS AND CONSULTA-  
TIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

10. PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE STEADFAST US INTEREST  
IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY AND NON-  
ALIGNED POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA.

11. THE PRINCIPLES REAFFIRMED IN THIS JOINT STATEMENT  
REMAIN THE TOUCHSTONE OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY  
WILL CONSTITUTE THE FIRM BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY  
RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE  
FUTURE. KISSINGER

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